

REMARKS

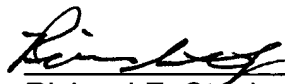
On October 25, 2001, Applicants filed a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6) along with a Preliminary Amendment claiming priority to four provisional patent applications. On February 13, 2002, the Office Of Petitions granted Applicants' petition to accept the claim of priority to the four applications.

Applicants later discovered that an inadvertent typographical error was made in the Preliminary Amendment and Petition filed on October 25, 2001. Instead of claiming priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/206,225 ("the '225 application") as intended, Applicants inadvertently claimed priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/206,255 ("the '255 application"). Applicants realized this mistake when a filing receipt was received that indicated the priority date for the '255 application was May 23, 2000 instead of May 22, 2000 as it should have been for the '225 application.

The '255 application is unrelated to the '225 application, and Applicants do not intend to claim priority to the '255 application. An April 18, 2002, Applicants filed a Corrected Preliminary Amendment removing the claim of priority to the '255 application. Since the intended claim of priority to the '225 application is substantively unnecessary, Applicants have not attempted to change the claim of priority to add the '225 application in place of the '255 application.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the Office Of Petitions did not intend to grant a claim of priority to the '255 application. In order to correct the record and simplify resolution of this matter, Applicants request that the claim of priority to the '255 application now be removed.

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